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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee

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1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate item 116 to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 23rd meeting, on 1 November (A/C.1/60/PV.23).

3. At the 23rd meeting, the Chairman made a statement and introduced the proposed programme of work contained in conference room paper A/C.1/60/CRP.1.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its proposed programme of work and timetable for 2006 annexed to the present report.

5. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2006

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee, approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Committee for 2006, as contained in the annex to the report of the First Committee.

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Annex

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the First Committee for 2006

Programme/meeting	*Dates*	*Number of meetings*
Meeting for the organization of work	Thursday, 28 September	1
General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items	Monday, 2 October to Monday, 9 October	7
Closure of the list of speakers for the general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items[1]	Tuesday, 3 October at 6 p.m.	
Exchange with the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs and other United Nations officials	Week of 9 October	1
Follow-up of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Committee at its past session/presentation of reports[2]	Week of 9 October	1
Panel discussion with independent experts[3]	Week of 9 October	1
Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Tuesday, 10 October to Friday, 20 October	7
Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under all agenda items	Wednesday, 11 October at 6 p.m.	
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items	Monday, 23 October to Tuesday, 31 October	7

[1] A rolling list of speakers would be open one month in advance of the beginning of the session. Delegations are encouraged to limit the time of their statements to a maximum of 10 minutes, and statements on behalf of a group of countries should not exceed 15 minutes. The list would give priority to high-level representatives, and should be regularly shared with the Committee so as to increase transparency.

[2] Presentation of reports could also take place during the thematic debate.

[3] Wide civil society participation is encouraged.

25-29 September	25 Monday		26 Tuesday		27 Wednesday		28 Thursday		29 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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2-6 October	2 Monday		3 Tuesday		4 Wednesday		5 Thursday		6 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x		x		x		x	
9-13 October	9 Monday		10 Tuesday		11 Wednesday		12 Thursday		13 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x	x	x	x		x		x		x
16-20 October	16 Monday		17 Tuesday		18 Wednesday		19 Thursday		20 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x		x		x		x	
23-27 October	23 Monday		24 Tuesday		25 Wednesday		26 Thursday		27 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		x		x		x		x		x
30 October-3 November	30 Monday		31 Tuesday		1 Wednesday		2 Thursday		3 Friday	
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
	x		x							

The Committee will exercise flexibility on the scheduling of the meetings during the last two weeks of the session.